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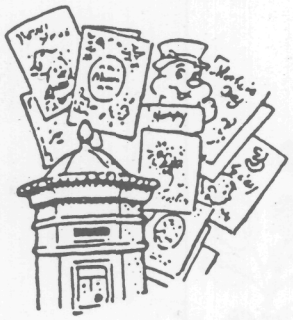

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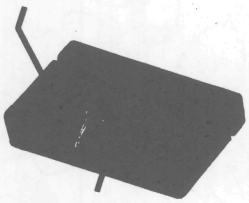

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EDITORIAL

In this issue of *The Deddington News* you will find several opportunities for making comments and suggestions on matters of public concern. Now, it has to be said that even in a democracy there is no guarantee that any notice will be taken of the opinions and wishes we express. What is absolutely certain is that *no* notice whatever will be taken of wishes and opinions that are *not* expressed. What people think - that is, what YOU think - matters, but only if those making the decisions know about it.

Having bright ideas at home or grumbling in the pub may be enjoyable, but what does it actually achieve? Whether it is the County Council's review of the Strategic Plan, or the Parish Council's deliberations on finance, or the One World discussion on what kind of potatoes to grow, if you want to have any influence on what is done, you have to let them know what you think.

OCTOBER DIARY

Sun	1	Harvest Festival, the Parish Church, Deddington, 10.30am.
Mon	2	Parish Council discuss Structure Plan and Parish Finance,Town Hall, 7.30pm, (p2&3)
Th	5	Banbury Arts Society, Watercolour Workshop, Marlborough Rd Church Hall, 7.30pm.
Th	5	Deddington Playgroup AGM, Playgroup Building, Hempton Road, 8pm (p7)
7 - 13		Deddington Art Group Annual Exhibition, Tuckers, Market Place (p12)
Tu	10	WI: Mrs Ashbridge, 'A Taste of Cumbria', Holly Tree, 7.30pm.
Wed	11	U3A: How I First Became A Teacher; Mrs Hazel Hall . Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.
Sat	14	Art Exhibition and coffee morning for Brazilian children, Holly Tree 10.30-5pm.
Sat	14	Deddington Playgroup Cake Stall, Market Place, 10am.
Wed	18	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm.
Sat	21	Oxford Calcutta Mission, coffee morning and sale, Parish Church, 10-noon
Tu	24	**COPY DATE FOR NOVEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Wed	25	U3A: My Life as a Parson's Wife; Mrs Jean Rendell. Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.
Fr	27	Deddington Players One- act plays, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm. (p11)
Sat	28	Deddington Players One -act plays, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm. (p11)
Sat	28	British Legion, Kris Kelly.

NOVEMBER DIARY

Wed	1	'Growing for the Future', One World Week discussion, Town Hall, 1.45pm (p12)
Wed	1	The Bowl's Club AGM, Windmill Centre.
Th	2	PTA annual fireworks display. Gates open 6.30pm. (p10)
Fr	3	Imperial Cancer Research Fund lunch and stalls, Windmill Centre (p10)
Sat	4	PTA Craft Fair, Deddington School, 10-4pm. (p10)
Sat	4	Deddington Ladies Bazaar in aid of OAP Xmas lunch, Holly Tree, 2pm.
Wed	8	U3A: Patricia Scott, Oral History- Grimsbury School, Banbury; Windmill Centre,2.30pm
Sat	11	Deddington Playgroup Jumble Sale, Playgroup Building, Hempton Road, 2pm (p7)
Tu	14	WI: Mrs G Lynn-Wood on Porcelain Dolls, Holly Tree, 7.30pm.
Wed	15	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm.
Sun	19	Shoresh Concert, Adrian Snell, Parish Church, 7.30pm. Tickets £5.(p10)
Tu	21	**COPY DATE FOR DECEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Wed	22	U3A: AGM, followed by a social, Windmill Centre 2.30pm.
Sat	25	Christmas Bazaar at St Johns , Hempton, 2pm.

JUST A REMINDER that Summertime is officially over on Sunday, 22 October. Don't forget to put your clocks BACK an hour.

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes on Meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 13 September attended by Cllrs Mrs Brewer, Clarke, Clinch, Colley, Cosgrove, Drake, Flux, Miss Hill, Mrs Lee, Oddy, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Swash and Todd (chairman). Dist Cllr O'Sullivan was also present.

EDUCATION GRANTS: Cllr Todd welcomed all present for the presentation of £100 grants, from the Chairman's Allowance, to local youngsters who are going on to higher education. He wished them success with their studies and said he looked forward to learning of their progress in three years time. They were: Stephane Clark of Clifton (Media Studies, Cardiff), Rachel Hewitt-Hall of Clifton (Media Studies, Southampton), Katy Kirk of Deddington (Business & Law, Southampton), Alan Healey of Deddington (Biology & Ocean Science, Plymouth), Deborah Neale of Hempton (Physical Education, Bangor), Jamie Robinson of Deddington (Environmental Management, Manchester), Laura Murphy of Deddington (Law, Nottingham) and Laila Mahfoudh of Deddington (Business & Finance, South Bank).

ELECTION RESULT: Cllrs welcomed Brian Cosgrove from Hempton to his first full PC meeting, following his success at the by-election on 3 August.

HOLLY TREE CLUB: Cllrs agreed to spend up to £100 on curtaining at Holly Tree Club. Fabric to be obtained at discounted price and Craft Group to be asked to make them. PC also agreed to lend the Club surplus chairs from the Windmill Centre on a temporary basis.

CHURCH TOWER ILLUMINATION: Cllr Todd reported tower had been lit most evenings since the initial switch-on, at a cost of about 25p a night. Cllrs agreed the PC would pay the annual costs of around £80-£90 and an earlier suggestion to raise money through sponsorship was dropped.

STREET LIGHTING: 1. The Clerk reported he had obtained a 50% grant from CDC for two extra street lights in Horse Fair. Cllrs would like to hear about other dark spots from parishioners. 2. PC to go ahead with the lighting scheme for Market Place, at a cost to the Parish of £13,352 plus £3,150 from CDC.

RECREATION & GRANTS: 1. Cllrs discussed an application for £500 from Deddington Housing Association towards the cost of repairing the wall at Holly Tree Cottages. They refused the application on the grounds that maintenance was the Association's responsibility. 2. Cllr Drake reported the cttee had looked again at the Tennis Club's application for help with coaching fees. After a lengthy debate cllrs agreed the matter should go back to cttee with appropriate advice and ideas from others.

ENVIRONMENT: 1. PC to spend £804 on six Kill Your Speed signs. 2. Water is now connected in cemetery. A pressure tap would cost £219 and quotes are awaited for a trough, which may be cheaper. 3. Small set of tools to be provided for the Village Steward, who currently uses his own. 4. Cllrs agreed on amended design for bus shelters, on condition they would be accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Cost will be no more than £870 per shelter. 5. Clerk to write to CDC about problems of parked cars outside the Chapel at Clifton. 8. PC to invite water board to meet and discuss long-standing problem of low water pressure in parts of High Street and Hempton Road. 9. Cllrs reminded parishioners to remove posters from bus shelters after the event, as they soon begin to look untidy and scruffy. 10. Dist Cllr O'Sullivan reported that OCC has no money to complete the re-surfacing of Clifton Road footpath although they have agreed to level off the verge to make it suitable for horses. Cllr Colley was concerned that someone would be killed before anything was done. 11. Position of newly installed Keep Clear sign at The Grove to be monitored .

PLANNING & PROPERTY: 1. PC refused Persimmon Homes' request for advertising signs to remain in Hempton Road and Banbury Road for five years. Company to be asked to re-apply every 12 months. 2. PC objects to overlooking, overlapping and inadequate plans for extension at Wakehurst, Castle Street. PC to ask that plans be re-presented. 3. Exterior plumbing at Grove Lodge unsightly. Cttee to discuss with CDC.

WINDMILL: 1. Cllr Flux reported final accounts have been settled, with £12,028 remaining. PC agreed to spend £6,946 of this to remedy serious problem of condensation which would otherwise degrade the building. 2. Maintenance is under control: quotes awaited to upgrade Gents' toilet and pathways. 3. Cricket Club queried the amount of its water bill, after supply had been used by Football Club's contractors working on the goal mouth. After a heated debate, cllrs agreed it was up to the Cricket Club to reach an agreement with the Football Club. 4. The Badminton Club has now paid most of its outstanding account. Cllr Flux said Club had previously been advised to apply to PC for loan, not CDC as incorrectly reported in DN. 5. In general, Cllr Flux reported the caretaker is doing an excellent job, the piano is being repaired and an extra dog notice has been installed beside the all-weather court. There is a full programme of entertainment for all ages.

PC FUNDS: £450,000 (Bradford & Bingley, variable @ 7.3%); £140,000 (Treasury Deposit @ 6.25%); £12,779 (4.75% , 14 days notice); £1,926 (3%, overnight). Total funds: £604,705.

SPECIAL FINANCE MEETING: A special finance meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Monday, 2 October at 7.30pm to discuss cllrs' and parishioners' proposals for projects for the Parish. Consideration will be given to the 1996/97 precept and there will also be a report on the OCC Structure Plan.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1. Notification of timetable changes for bus service X58/59, which now operates from Mondays to Thursdays and goes through Bodicote. Timetables displayed on noticeboards. 2. Alastair Welford confirmed he has suitable machinery and will do the groundwork at the Clifton playground but suggest PC take advice on what is required first. 3. A repair to the Church clock several years ago has now failed and clock needs two full working days spent on it. Clerk to liaise with Church to arrange dates.

NEXT MEETING will be on Wednesday, 18 October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

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If you have views on any of these questions, or ideas of your own, here's what you can do. Read the Draft Plan at Deddington Library, or send for a Newsletter and Questionnaire from *Oxfordshire 2011*, County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX12 1SD, or talk to the Structure Team on 01865 815588 (Ian Walker), 815962 (Francesca Upton), or 815459 (Chris Cousins). **DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ARE DISCUSSING THE PLAN AT A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY, 2 OCTOBER, TOWN HALL, 7.30PM.** Parishioners are welcome to attend. ***Remember, the deadline for comment is 31 October 1995.***

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Clerk to the Parish Council is Mr David Blakey. His office at the Windmill Centre is open on Mondays and Wednesdays and the telephone number is 337447.

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October Services *(Parish Church)*.

Sun 1 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL Family Communion Service followed by Harvest Lunch in Church

Wed 4 10am Holy Communion. 11.30am Holy Communion in Featherton House.
2.45pm Holy Communion in St Anne's Home, Clifton.

Thu 5 2pm Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers' Service.

Sun 8 10.30am Sung Eucharist. Preacher: Rev Prof John Barton. Wed 11 10am Holy Communion.

Sun 15 8am Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins(BCP).

Wed 18 St Luke's Day. 10am Holy Communion.

Sun 22 10.30am Confirmation Service and Eucharist with the Bishop of Dorchester, Rt Rev Anthony Russell.

Wed 25 10am Holy Communion followed by Service of Healing.

Sun 29 10.30am Sung Eucharist. Wed 1 November All Saints Day Holy Communion.

October Services (*St John, Hempton*).

Sun 1 9am Eucharist. Sun 15 9am Eucharist. Sun 22 6pm Evensong (BCP).

Harvest in Deddington. We shall give thanks for the Harvest on 1 October at 10.30am. Please take gifts of fruit, flowers, vegetables, tins, etc. to church on Fri. 29 Sep. 2 - 5pm or Sat. 30 Sept. 9-10am or to the service. After the service there will be a Harvest Lunch in church. This will be a Ploughman's Lunch with a glass of wine. Tickets £2.50 (Concessions for families) from Josie Stevens,The Sycamores, Hempton Rd (338305) or the Vicar.

Christian Aid's 50th Birthday coincides with the Harvest Festival so money raised from produce will be donated to this charity. Sale of Christian Aid Christmas cards (see Inter-Church activities). In church there is a candle for 50p pieces to help buy trees for planting in Central America which is deforested by past Civil wars.

House - to - House Collection. Many thanks to all who have contributed in Deddington and Clifton towards the church's new heating system and in Hempton towards church repairs. If the envelope (in September's Deddington News) has not been collected, please put it in the Church chest or through the Vicarage letterbox.

Cake and Bric a Brac Stall in aid of church funds - Market Place on Saturday 30 Sept. 9.30 - Noon.

Deddington Church Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, 5 October at 7.45pm in Corner Cottage (Mrs. H. Hall), Chapel Square, Deddington.

Parish Bible Study Group will meet on Monday, 8 Oct. at 2pm in 15 Grove Court, Deddington (Mrs P. Ridd)

Visit to Syria. The Vicar is hoping to lead a group to Syria from 17 - 25 February. Syria can claim 10,000 years of civilisation and was important in the early history of the Church. A brochure with further details can be obtained in church or from the Vicar.

Oxford Calcutta Mission. The annual coffee morning and sale in Parish Church on Sat. 21 Oct.10am- Noon.

Choir visit to the Netherlands will be on the last weekend in October.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

BAPTISM: in Deddington, 3 September, BROOKE ELIZABETH MILNER.

WEDDING: in Deddington, 2 September, DAVID STUART BARKER and JOANNA MARY VALENTINE.

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Sun 22 10.30am - Mel Walford Sun 29 10.30am - Don Harvey.

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DON DAVIDSON 347072

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INTER-CHURCH ACTIVITIES. Monday 2 October - Ecumenical Prayer Group - will meet at 7.45pm in the Wesleyan Reform Church.

Christian Aid - In conjunction with Christian Aid's 50th Birthday, we will be selling their Christmas cards in the Parish Church after the 10.30am service on 1, 8 & 29 October. Your support will be much appreciated.

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DOWN ON THE FARM

Happy New Year! As I have said before, autumn is the start of a new farming year. The oil seed rape is already planted and growing away well despite the attention of the slugs. Ploughing for the other winter sown crops is well under way and is working down well after the rain in early September. We shall again be growing wheat for milling and animal feed beans and oats.
The sheep are much more comfortable now with the temperature much lower and some fresh grass to graze. We have not sold many fat lambs this year but hope to get some away with the autumn flush of grass. The rams were put out on 20 September and we should get some lambs in the last week of February.
The bees will now have to be got ready for winter, mouse guards put on and winter food stocks inspected to see which hives need feeding. I shall treat all the hives against Varroa mites with chemical strips in the brood chambers. This is only done after the last of the honey has been collected. We hope to get all the grain crops drilled in October and the beans in at the beginning of November and then we can start to get the buildings ready for the stock to come in for the winter. I hope we have enough winter feed stocks to see us through.
As we come into winter and the field work is less, the farming social scene gets started with meetings to hear about new methods of crop production and livestock husbandry, Farming Club evenings of skittles and quizzes and much talk about environmental matters. One meeting I shall go to is on 'Bio diversity' (whatever that is!) on 1 November as part of the One World week activities being organised by Christopher Hall. It should be interesting and I might learn something.

GEORGE FENEMORE (338203)

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Saturday Side Results

Middleton Cheney(h)	Won 10-0	C.Doggett 3, M.Hewitt 3, D.Risato, G.Pinfold 3
Bodicote Res (a)	Won 5-0	M.Hewitt 2, C.Doggett 2, J.Coleman
Shipston Res(h)	Drew 2-2	M.Hewitt 2

The Saturday Side have had an excellent start to the new season, the opening match v Middleton Cheney resulting in a crushing 10-0 victory. The following week Bodicote Res were the victims of another emphatic win. The match v Shipston proved more testing, ending in a draw. Michael Hewitt is the leading scorer so far with 7.

Sunday 1st Team Results

Cock Horse(a)	Won 16-1	A.Baird 5, C.Hill 3, G.Shawyer 3, D.Risato 2, D.Churchill 2, I Skuse
Chipping Warden (h)	Won 7-0	G.Shawyer 2, A.Baird 2, J.Gorst, A.Shepherd 2
Chipping Warden (a)	Won 3-0	(Reg Adkins Trophy) M.Berry 2, J.Gorst

A superb start with two handsome league victories, notably the 16-1 against the unfortunate Cock Horse. The leading scorer is Andy Baird with 7.

Sunday Reserve Side Results

Horton Sports (h)	Lost 0-8	Chacombe Res(a)	Lost 0-8

The Side have found life extremely difficult so far this season, both matches ending in 8-nil defeats. Hopefully the forthcoming matches will see an improvement in their fortunes.

STEVE PLUMBE 338512

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

We are affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and so are eligible to attend workshops and lectures at their college in Pershore. Of interest to some members will be two practical demonstrations in November on revitalising the herbaceous border (28th) and using hedging and shrubs to improve security (14th). There are also interesting lectures on trees for gardens (12 Oct), introducing the latest seeds (9 Nov) and fruit tree pruning (21 Nov) These cost £4 per person, so if you would be interested in making up a small party to go to any of these, or a Christmas visit to Wisley (30 Nov), please phone me for details.

SMALL REMINDER: If anyone wishes to join, Marianne Elsley (338251) is our membership secretary.

ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186

1ST DEDDINGTON GUIDES

I'm still getting over the idea of a guide camp without rain! Never known before! Seeking shade, lashings of sun-block and squash were the order of the day. We imagined ourselves marooned on a desert island (actually Adderbury Grounds Farm, our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stilgoe) and this theme of make-believe, palm trees on white sandy beaches, exotic fruit and endless sun proved very apt. During the course of the camp with guides from Byfield, we took part in Fancy Dress, camp-fire singing, backwoodsman cooking and all sorts of fun and games. We got up at 4.30am to see the dawn, and back to camp for bacon butties. We learnt a lot of camp craft, too, but how to camp in the rain will have to wait till next year. One guide, Charlotte Morley, from Heyford, went to County International Camp and had a fantastic time. She told us all about it. We are very sad to lose Frances Maddicott from Hempton. She has gone to boarding school and we wish her very well. Catherine Elvidge from Barford has gained her Baden-Powell Award, the highest that can be won by a guide. Well done, Catherine, we are very proud of you.

We have an exciting and varied programme planned for this term and for 1996 when Deddington Guides will be 25 years old. Any girls over 10 are most welcome to come along and join us. Why not come and see what's going on? We look forward to meeting you.

MAGGIE RAMPLEY, GUIDER, 01295 810069

DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club has recommenced its popular Monday night meetings. All 9-15 year olds are very welcome. Please note there is one session only from 7-9pm. A new enthusiastic Committee has been formed: Secretary - Geoff Duggan, Treasurer - Ian Putt, myself as Chairman, and six more committee members. Events planned between now and Christmas include a tenpin bowling evening at Croughton Base (prov. date Sunday 15 October), swimming, Halloween night, disco, the ever popular A Team, and a quiz night. Further details from LES LANE 338900 or GEOFF DUGGAN 338827.

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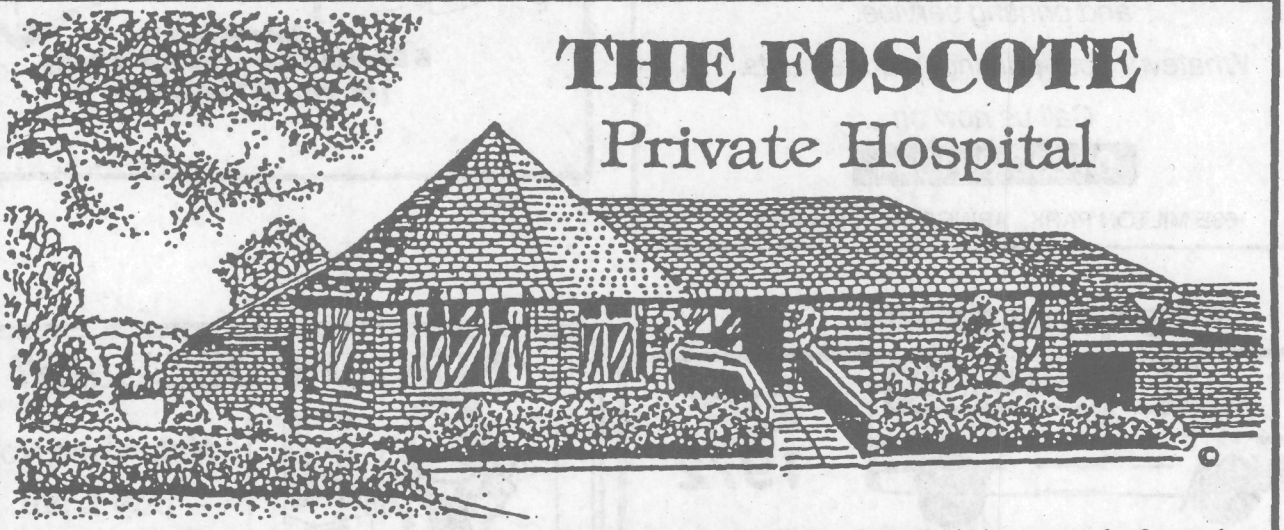

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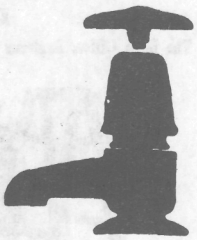

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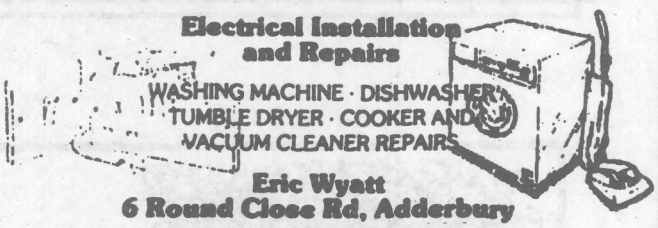

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THE BRITISH LEGION

The refurbished clubhouse was successfully opened on Friday 15 September when a large group of members and guests enjoyed a superb musical cabaret act by Yvonne Halen. The raffle was in aid of our Harvest Festival which was celebrated on 16 September under the guidance of the Rev. Ken Reeves. As a result of excellent local support £263 was raised for the club's local benevolent fund.
The Men from Uncle will provide the musical entertainment on Saturday, 30 September. Members, guests and prospective members are welcome to join us at 8pm for an evening of fun. Membership forms are available now from the stewardess at the club, or from the Secretary. In addition to snooker, billiards, pool and darts and Sunday night Bingo, we plan to introduce a regular sing-along folk music evening. Please watch your local telegraph pole for more details. [YOU WONT FORGET TO REMOVE OUT OF DATE NOTICES, WILL YOU? - EDS] ROBIN HARRISON, SECRETARY 337361

DEDDINGTON PLAYGROUP

At the end of last term we said farewell to Karen Robertson, one of our supervisors who had been with us for four years. We will certainly miss her, and we wish her well in her new venture. So, during the summer holiday our Chairlady, Sandy Acton, and our PPA representative, Lucy Emm, interviewed candidates to replace Karen and they have appointed Jill Raoini. We hope she will enjoy her time at Playgroup..
We say goodbye and good luck to Joshua Herring, Sylvie Varnier and Annabel Neasham and wish them all well at school. We welcome possibly our biggest intake so far: Krystina Hood, Oliver Marchant, Matthew Hunsley, Rosie Eden, Poppy Lathbury-Haigh, Geneva Wilson, Jonah Wimbush and our very first set of triplets, Adam, Dominic and Lauren Mundie. We hope they will all enjoy playgroup.
The AGM is on Thursday, 5 October, 8pm at the Playgroup Building. Please come. The committee will have a chance to answer any of your questions and hear your comments. There will be a cake stall in the Market Place on Saturday, 14 October, 10am and a Jumble Sale at the Playgroup building on Saturday, 11 November, 2pm. Please start collecting jumble now and leave it at the Playgroup during the week starting 6 November. Please come and support these events; they do help to boost our funds. TRACY ROGERS 337383

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We were pleased to welcome members again after the August break. September's speaker was a naturalist, Mr. Bingham, who talked about British Deer and showed slides of the varied, beautiful, but sometimes destructive creatures. The next meeting is on 10 October: the speaker will be Mrs. Ashbridge on "A Taste of Cumbria". A Skittles and Supper evening at Sturdys Castle is planned for 18 October; family and friends are welcome. Details will be posted shortly. Watch the notice boards outside the Town Hall and inside the Library. RENE MAHONY 338438

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

Some of us are now rehearsing for the evening of one-act plays. For details see page 11. Please come and support us at the Windmill Centre on 27 & 28 October. We shall also be offering a programme of Christmas readings and songs on 9 December, 7pm at the Parish Church. On 16 December there will be a Christmas concert by the Adderbury Ensemble at 7.30pm in the Church. With the help of Cherwell District Council, we have been able to arrange a programme of entertainment at the Windmill for February and March. We have not forgotten about the pantomime which will take place on 18, 19 and 20 January, and just in case the younger members of the family find it hard to wait so long, we have arranged a visit from the Leamington and Warwick Magic Circle to entertain them on 2 December. Watch for all these dates in the Deddington News.
If you don't want to miss out, read your Deddington News carefully for more specific information during the next few months. JEAN FLUX 338153

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Details of her lifelong association with coal were very amusingly provided by Rosemary Higham at the last meeting in August. Some excellent slides, backed up with books, maps, souvenirs and photo albums ensured that members were visually transported to St. Petersburg with Major Clift at the beginning of September. New members are always welcome at our fortnightly Wednesday afternoon meetings at the Windmill Centre. For more details ring me, please. PAT BRITTAIN 338685

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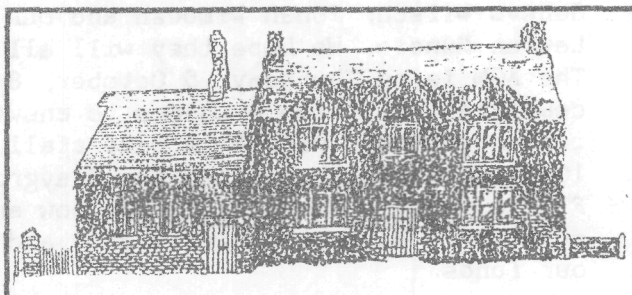

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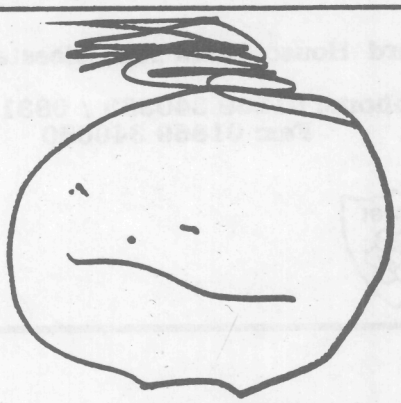

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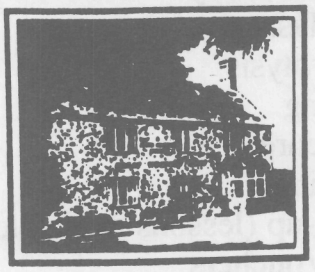

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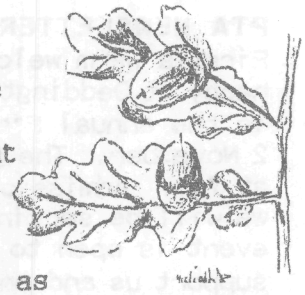

With the onset of winter there are many changes to be seen in the various habitats in and around Deddington. Most obvious are the naked trees and hedges, but upon closer examination it is apparent that these plants still have plenty to offer hungry creatures over the forthcoming months. I have noticed that the hawthorn and elderberry are particularly loaded with fruit, which is good news for blackbirds, starlings, song and mistle thrushes, as well as the winter visitors, the redwing and fieldfare. Another berry fruit which is often overlooked is the ivy berry which is a staple winter food for the wood-pigeon. Many of the deciduous trees found in this area also provide an important source of food throughout the winter months. Of the more common species, the oak trees' acorns provide food for wood-pigeons, jays, squirrels, mice and voles. The beech tree with its 'mast' is a valuable food source to many members of the finch family including winter visitors such as the brambling. The latter can also be seen, sometimes in large numbers, feeding on the fallen seeds of the alder tree which is quite common along the Cherwell Valley. The round seed heads contain small seeds which make a dark brown carpet underneath the alder which usually grows alongside rivers and ditches. These seeds also provide food for mice and voles.
One of the biggest problems facing our overwintering birds and animals is that their food source of berries and seeds is often destroyed before the winter comes. Some farmers are still cutting their hedges in the late summer and early autumn when they should be aiming to cut hedges in January/February, thus giving our over-wintering nut and berry feeders time to consume their winter food.

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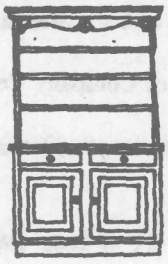

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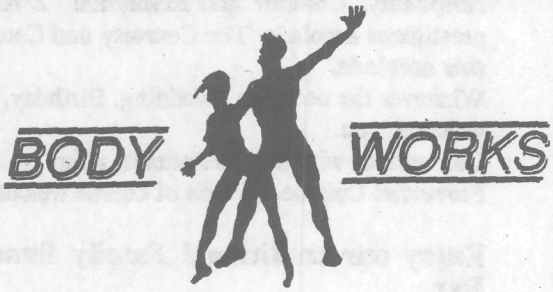

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4th AUGUST - I wrote to Dr. Williams at Winchester to ask him to recommend a Clergyman with pupils where we could place Holford. Answered two advertisements in the Morning Herald on the subject of Tuition.
12th AUGUST - Susan and Betsie rode out together with Holford as a Chaperon, he and his sister rode over to Bloxham to call on the Davis's afterwards.
17 AUGUST - I called at J. Woolgrove's door near the Church and ordered him some brandy, poor fellow!
18th AUGUST - The schools broke up for the harvest.
21st AUGUST - We lunched at one o'clock - having to go to Aynho to dinner at a quarter before 7 o'clock pm. Susan, Betsy (whom the Cartwrights were kind enough to invite) and I went and enjoyed ourselves much - it was the first time Betsy had ever dined out since leaving school in June last.
25th AUGUST - I buried poor Richard Franklin the Methodist Preacher, an unpretending, humble minded, well intentioned person - he had left the Church from necessity if I may say so, viz. the immoral conduct of a late Vicar being the cause of his having so done.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Thanks to all our neighbours who have subscribed towards the upkeep of Church and Schoolroom. Not all the envelopes had been collected at the time of going to press, so a final total is not yet available.
You will have noticed an appreciable amount of rain has fallen at long last, and very welcome it was to all gardeners! The Cycle Ride was fortunate to have quite good weather and callers at the Church evidently appreciated the welcome and refreshments provided. A pity it rained on "Grant's Party" but we hope this did not spoil the festivities.
Strange men have been about, painting mysterious signs on road and pavements. If this is a prelude to digging up the road, we hope steps will be taken to curb the worst speedsters meanwhile.

NAN HARRIS (338039)

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

Fire Calls : Back to normality with only 16 calls received this month. These were: 1 barn fire; 3 field/grass fires; 1 electricity fuse box on fire; 2 shed fires; 2 garage fires; 1 lorry fire; 1 rubbish fire; 2 false alarms with good intent; 1 false alarm on an automatic system and 2 calls to stand by at other stations. This brings the total to 173 calls so far.
Unfortunately the Station could not turn out to 25% of the above calls due to insufficient personnel. Two of us have been off with injuries, which has added to the Station's problems. Despite all the appeals in the "News" and local papers no one has come forward to join, so the desperate situation continues.

ALBERT HUMPHRIES (338943)

One World Week

GROWING HOPE is the theme of this year's nationwide **ONE WORLD WEEK.** 150 years ago Ireland was devastated by famine because only 2 or 3 strains of potato were being grown. If history is not to be repeated, farmers and gardeners need to avoid relying on just a few varieties. Paul Farbin of **Farmers' Link** is coming to lead a discussion on 'Growing for the Future' in the Town Hall, Deddington on Wednesday 1st November - 7.45 for 8.00pm.

Christopher Hall - 338225

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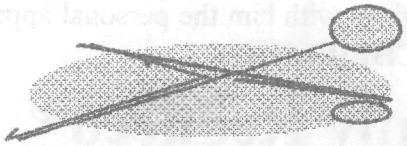

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FROM SHEILA SMITH-RAWNSLEY, COORDINATOR, *CROSSROADS*

COULD YOU CARE? - Some people who care for their disabled partners or relatives cannot leave them alone even while they pop out for something important like a visit to the dentist. The North Oxon Crossroads Care Scheme provides trained relief carers enabling disabled or elderly people in Banbury, Chipping Norton and the surrounding villages to continue to live in their own homes. For some carers this means they can carry on working, for others it is just the chance to get some much needed sleep or go out, perhaps to one of the Carers' Centre support groups. Relief carers help in a variety of ways - with personal care, food preparation, light domestic tasks, shopping trips or just chatting over a cup of tea. Much of the help is needed at the times people get up, eat and get ready for bed, every day.

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There is a small payment and petrol allowance. Volunteers to help with admin. at the Banbury office or to raise funds are also urgently needed.

WRITER'S GROUP

Fiction, articles, reminiscences. Are there people in the area who would like to meet from time to time to read and discuss their current work? The meetings would take whatever form seemed most useful to the participants. If the idea interests you, please contact me: Kristin Thompson, 5 The Leyes, Deddington, Tel (01869) 337052.

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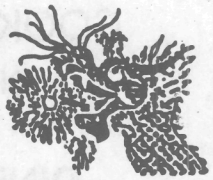

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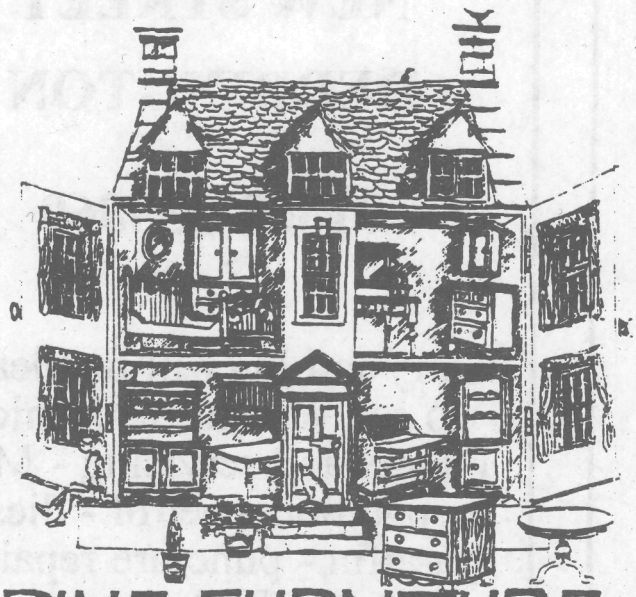

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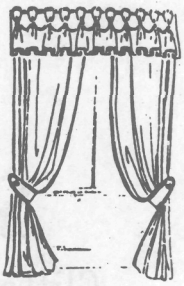

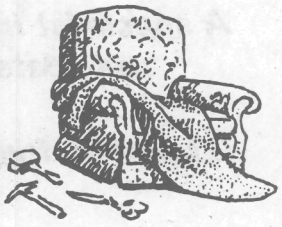

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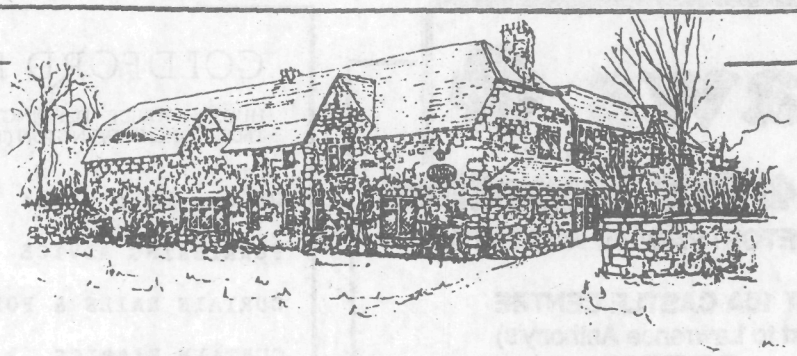

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Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood.

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for 1845:

5th JUNE - A grand tea drinking as usual once in the year at Calcutt's Barn for the Wesleyan Chapel school children.
9th-11th JUNE - Went to London by coach and stayed at Ibbotson's Hotel, and met Betsie on her return from school. Betsie and I went to Lord Elson's to luncheon and afterwards took an airing for an hour and a half with him in his carriage in the Regent's Park. We afterwards went to the play at Drury Lane Theatre.
21st JUNE - We were busy carrying hay all day from the little and great meadows - we began mowing Plank Meadow, a famous crop indeed, carried 16 loads of hay.
28th JUNE - The boys caught two eels in our brook.
8th JULY - a Wool Fair was held at Banbury today for the first time as an experiment - a Dinner took place afterwards at the Red Lion Inn, Mr. Hall of Astrop in the Chair. I sent my clip of wool to be sold thereat by Mr. Stilgoe, 30 todds which were sold for 33/- per tod.
9th JULY - Mr. Davis' servant from Swerford came over here with a man caught taking up night lines, duly baited and placed in Mr. Davis' large trout pond - I convicted him in the sum of 30/-d. inclusive of costs to be paid by the 2nd of August or he will be sent to prison for 3 weeks. A travelling woman calling herself the wife of a deceased Clergyman came to beg - sent her away deeming her story an improbable one - and she a notorious beggar.

. . . and 50 or so years ago

The last of DAISY SHREWSBURY's 3-part reminiscences of Deddington at war brings the conflict closer to home .....

Deddington had its fair share of evacuees. Some of them found "good country husbands" and put down their own roots in this part of the world. Despite seeming more remote than today Deddington was kept very aware of what was going on just over the horizon, and not just because of the soldiers and evacuees billeted here, and later the prisoners of war put to work on the farms. Daisy joined the Civil Defence to learn how to help out in case of disaster, though fortunately this never came. But "we could hear the German bombers droning overhead sounding much heavier on the way over than on the return after they'd dropped their bombs." And from the Hempton Road you could see the light in the sky marking fires in Birmingham and Coventry. Daisy remembers that a dummy was made of the Alcan factory some distance from the real one and that it actually was bombed. There was also a memory of a German bomber hedge-hopping to avoid detection, and dropping a bomb somewhere towards Kidlington. Her mother-in-law and sister-in-law saw it that Sunday afternoon while taking the children out for a walk.
"Families seemed to go out for walks together much more then," Daisy muses. Just as it was much more usual to go out flower picking. Of course there were more wild flowers and it wasn't discouraged then - especially primrosing and bluebelling or, come February or March, going over to Tackley for fronds of pussy willow.
We asked Daisy about VE Day. They'd gone on an outing to visit an aunt at Tiddington near Stratford on Avon, she told us - and didn't even realise it was VE Day until they got home...

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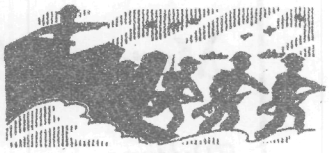
.....while from far across the world HUGH SPOTTISWOODE returned with very different memories



As an Indian Army transport officer serving in Burma in "19 Div" (The 19th Indian (Dagger) Divison ... part of the 'Forgotten' 14th Army) my particular memories of 1945 are briefly:
1. Feb '45, "19 Div" (12000 British & Indian soldiers plus mules, guns & lorries) crossed the Irrawaddy river in little outboard motor boats, the Japanese being short of resources to hurl us back. Our soldiers battled with great success but men & mules were to lose their lives.
2. In March on Mandalay Hill, I watched Allied planes bombing Mandalay Fort (1½ miles square). Some bombs fell outside the Fort and tragically killed several British & Indian troops. Our medium gunners shelled the Fort's solid walls over ↦

THE WAY WE WERE ... (cont'd)

open sights without success ... walls too solid!

3. 19 March, "19 Div" took Mandalay and the Union Jack was proudly raised in the presence of Mountbatten and General Slim.

4. On VE Day, stupendous news that the war in Europe was over. Our war in Burma, however, continued and I do not recall jollifications, our pressing concern being to win & survive the Japanese war and then go home. 3 years East was enough!

5. On VJ Day I was passing through Calcutta en route from Toungoo (S of Mandalay) to Peshawar in NW India for leave. I was alone when the news broke, so there was no one with me to celebrate and thank God for the bombs that ended World War Two. There was to be a fourth year, however, before my return to UK came about.

My associations with "19 Div" (43-46), with 14th Army (44/45) & 'The Road to Mandalay' are now proud and priceless memories and I am lucky to have them. Nevertheless Burma was only one theatre of WW2 and it is with a profound sense of humility that one remembers ALL theatres and ALL one's contemporaries who paid the supreme sacrifice and did not come back ... heroes all. **HS**

THE ADAM PHILLIPS DIALYSIS APPEAL

FROM ALEXANDER SODDY:

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who came to Deddington Parish Church to listen to me play the piano on May 21. I was really surprised to see so many people; the final audience was 160. With ticket sales and some donations we were able to give Adam a cheque for £460.

Lots of people helped - so a big thank you, too, to Ian Sloan from Centrepoint for the printing and help with the publicity; to John Parkinson and his men for find and transporting the grand piano and Mr Hopkins for tuning it; to the Post Office staff for selling tickets and promoting the concert; to The Kings Arms, The Blacksmiths Forge, The Unicorn Inn and The Crown and Tuns who supplied the wine for the interval; to Bob Boot of A.R.B.,Banbury for lending us a very expensive sound system; and not least to Rev Ken Reeves for allowing us to use the church, and to James Marmion and all the ladies who helped in the interval. THANK YOU!

FROM BOB AND VANNESSA PHILLIPS - An update...

The Appeal for a portable dialysis machine for Adam was started in February. It has gone well beyond our wildest expectations and has now reached £20,000. One machine has already been purchased and donated to the Great Ormond Street Hospital and is being used for another child. Our deepest thanks to everyone.

NATIONAL LOTTERY - & 21ST CENTURY! - There is a possibility of obtaining National Lottery funds for capital projects (self maintaining) to celebrate the Millenium and take Deddington into the next century. The PC would like to hear of any ideas for suitable projects. **GAY BREWER** Environemtal Committee, Parish Council

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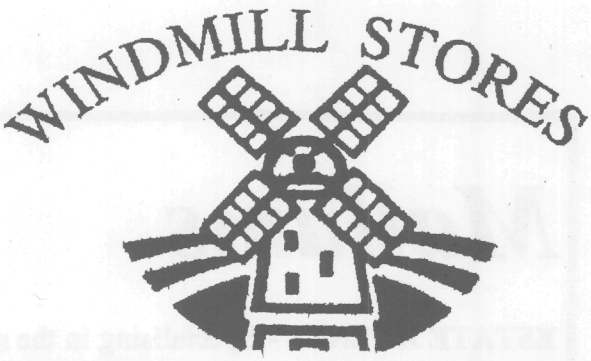

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